Water Treatment
Operation & Maintenance

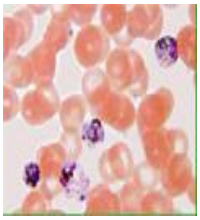
Exam Review

Terminology

- GPM= gallons per minute
- MGD= million gallons per day
- TTHM= total trihalomethane
- PSI= pounds per square inch
- NTU= Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
- mg/L= milligrams per litre or ppm= parts per million
- Feet of Head

Pathogenic

- Disease causing organisms
- Includes Viruses, Protozoa, or Bacteria
- Causes diseases such as typhoid, cholera and dysentery
- Organisms that don't cause disease are non-pathogenic



Purpose of Treatment Process

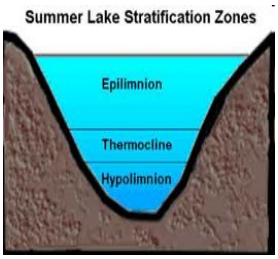
- **Screens**
  - Remove debris
- **Pre-chlorination**
  - Kills pathogens, controls taste and odors. Possible problems with DBP's
  - Use UV or Ozone instead
- **Chemicals**
  - Assist with the process
- **Flash mixer**
  - Mixes chemicals with water
- **Coagulation/flocculation**
  - Slowly mixes the chemical and particles together.

Intakes & Screens

- Multiple inlet intake structures allows operators to pull from depth of better quality
- Should prevent large debris & fish from entering treatment plant
- Should be designed to handle flows
- Manually cleaning screens for small amounts of debris
- Turnover cause mainly by change in water temperature & density

Thermocline

- *Epilimnion*- upper layer that circulates warm water where dissolved oxygen concentrations are moderate to high
- *Thermocline*- separates upper an lower layers
- *Hypolimnion*, a cold, deep-water, non-circulating layer in which oxygen is low or absent



Pre-sedimentation

- Removal of debris
- Helps control impact of changing raw water
- Impoundments are types of pre-sedimentation systems

Aeration

- Removes dissolved gases
- Removes dissolved metals such as iron
- Releases volatile chemicals

Coagulation/Flocculation

- Zeta Potential
  - **The repelling force that keeps particles separated**
- Coagulation
  - **Is the adding & rapid mixing of chemical coagulants in water to reduce turbidity prior to filtration**
  - **Is a chemical reaction between coagulant, turbidity, & alkalinity.**
  - **Neutralizes negative (-) charges**
- Flocculation is a process that form floc to settle out impurities in the water & reduce turbidity prior to filtration
- **Floc grows with** the collision of the particles
- Troubleshooting
  - **Paddle speed- slow speed floc will settle prematurely**
  - **Velocity through basin**
  - **Short circuiting**

Primary Coagulants

- Aluminum sulfate
- Ferrous sulfate
- Ferric sulfate
- Cationic polymer
- Calcium hydroxide
- Calcium oxide
- Sodium aluminates

Coagulant Aids

- Calcium hydroxide
- Calcium oxide
- Sodium aluminates
- Bentonite
- Calcium carbonate
- Sodium silicate
- Anionic polymer
- Nonionic polymer

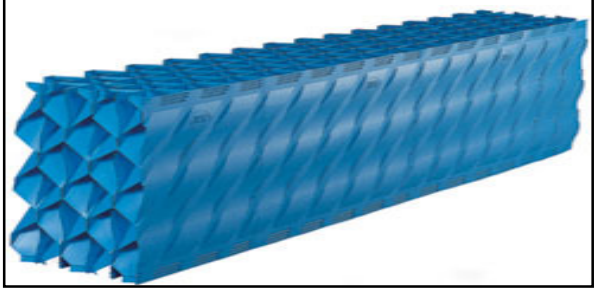
Sedimentation

- Allows solids to settle out before filtration
- Sedimentation - With Settling Tubes
  - As required by drinking water rules
- Sedimentation - Without Settling Tubes
  - 2 hours detention time
  - WLR (weir loading rate) <20,000 g/d/ft weir length
  - Head on rectangular weir is measured from crest to top of water on weir plate
  - 0.5 fpm velocity
  - 8 to 12 ft depth

Sedimentation

- Sedimentation Troubleshooting
  - Short circuiting
  - Temperature
  - Working properly determined by the measurement of turbidity in compared to turbidity out.
  - Wind currents
  - Velocity
    - Increase in flow
  - Floating materials
  - Sludge removal
  - Sludge accumulation
  - Noisy drive chain

Tube Settler



Filtration Systems

Conventional – Pressure Filters

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Non-conventional
- Direct filtration
  *No sedimentation
- Slow sand filter
  *No: Chemicals
  Flash mixing
  Coagulation
  Flocculation
  Sedimentation

Filtration

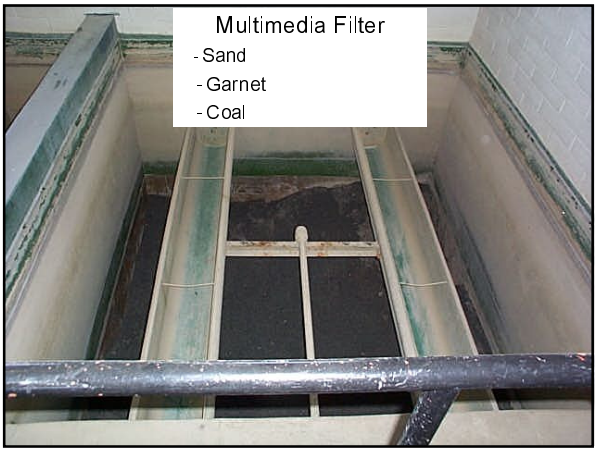
- **Removes small contaminants**
  - **Bacteria- Salmonella, E. Coli**
  - **Protozoan- Giardia, Cryptosporidium**
  - **Virus- Hepatitus A, Rotavirus**
- **Types**
  - **Mechanical filter**
  - **Absorption filter**
  - **Slow sand**
  - **Rapid sand**
  - **Mixed media**
    - **Highest rate of flow**
- **Water flows through the filter by percolation**
- **Head loss gauge measures pressure drop as water passes thru the filter**

Filtration Rates

- **Terminal Head Loss water can no longer be filtered**
- **Recommended flow rates are 15 to 20 GPM per square foot**
- **Closing inlet valve & measure drop in the water level over time you can determine flow thru filter**
- **Too large of floc can cause the filter to clog at a rapid rate**
- **Filter Loading rates are defined as gallons of water applied to each square foot of filter surface area**

Filter Media Types

- Sand
- Anthracite
- Garnet
- Granular Activated Carbon
- Green Sand
- Measured by sieve analysis to determine size



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FILTRATION

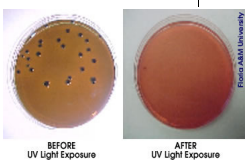
- Trouble shooting
  - Method of determining flow through a filter without a meter.
    - Measure the rise or fall of the water in the filter over time
  - Used for removal of Giardia & Cryptosporidium
  - Aeration
    - Dissolves gases
    - Dissolves metals
    - Removes volatile chemicals

FILTRATION

- **Trouble shooting**
  - **Mud balls**
    - **Improper surface washing or backwashing**
  - **Air binding**
    - **Cold water**
    - **Negative pressure head in lower filter**
  - **Cracking**
  - **Septic smell**

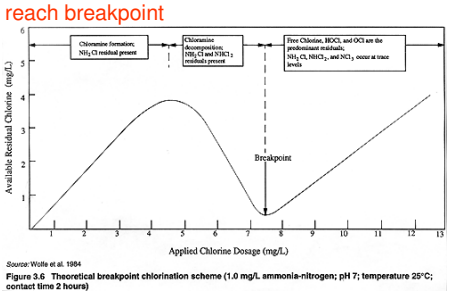
Disinfection

- Process to kill or inactivate most pathogens in water.
- There are several ways to disinfect
- Chlorine is most popular method because of cost and it leaves a residual throughout the system
- UV
- Ozone- doesn't leave a measurable residual in system



Breakpoint Chlorination Graph

- Chlorine smell would indicate you need to add more to reach breakpoint



Source: Wolfe et al. 1984

Figure 3.6 Theoretical breakpoint chlorination scheme (1.0 mg/L ammonia-nitrogen; pH 7; temperature 25°C; contact time 2 hours)

Disinfection By-products

- TTHM- Total Trihalomethanes
- Adsorption where molecules collect & adhere to a surface of an adsorbent solid (GAC) would help reduce TTHM's
- Combination of chlorine and organics
- Warmer temperatures and pH form THM's faster
- THM precursors would indicate THM forming throughout the system
- Aeration & Clarification can remove THM precursors

Organic Matter

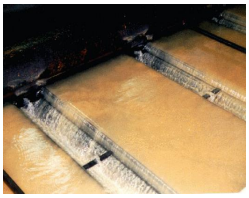
- TTHM
  - Total trihalomethanes
  - MCL = 80 ppb (0.080 mg/l)
- HAA5
  - Haloacetic acids
  - MCL = 60 ppb (0.060 mg/l)
- Reduction and removal through:
  - Absorption
  - Aeration
  - Oxidation
  - Clarification

Under Drains

- Used for backwashing
- Collects the filtered water
- Keeps the media bed in the filter.

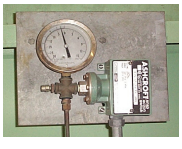
Backwash

- Open backwash valve slowly
- Backwash is based on:
  - **Increase in Effluent Turbidity**
  - **Head Loss**
  - **Filter Run Times determined by plant (many use 36 hrs)**
- Backwash duration depends on amounts of sludge & debris in filter
- **Typical Backwash Rate: 15 to 20 gpm/sq.ft.**



Filter Head Loss Gauge

- Used to measure drop in pressure thru filter
- Terminal head loss = No water flowing



Surface Washer

- **Mudballs and surface mats are reduced**

Sludge Collectors

- Fix noisy drive chains by tightening and aligning the chain & casing

3 Most Important Monitoring Parameters For Safe Drinking Water

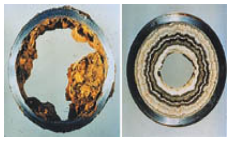
- Bacteria
- Turbidity- operator has most control over
- Chlorine residual

Jar Testing

- Duplicates the treatment plant processes such as detention time, mixing conditions & settling conditions
- Helps provide optimal dosages
- Helps optimize coagulation process
- Floc remaining longer than 15 to 20 minutes probably won't settle out

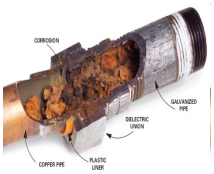
Water Hardness

- Caused by salts of **calcium & magnesium** (bicarbonate, carbonate, sulfate, chloride & nitrate)
- Causes formation of soap curds
- Increased use of soap
- Deposits in boilers & fixtures
- Damages industrial processes



Water Hardness & Corrosion

- **Objectionable tastes**
- Magnesium leaves black stains
- Galvanic Corrosion cause by dissimilar metals in a drinking water system
- Hardness test uses **EDTA titrant**
- **Expressed as mg/L CaCO3**
- **Soft water considered as 0 to 50 mg/L of CaCO3**
- **High dissolved CO2 would increase corrosion**



Corrosion

- Electrochemical phenomenon observed as red water
- Calcium carbonate saturation used for corrosion control
- Measurements:
  - Langelier index
  - Positive number: Deposit
  - Negative number: Corrosive
  - Metal coupons used to measure corrosiveness of water – determined by weight loss of coupon
- Adjustments can be accomplished by:
  - Chemicals which increase or decrease the depositing, or
  - Sequester the problem with the use of polyphosphates

C-Factor

- Indicates the smoothness pipe material
- The higher the C value, the smoother the pipe.
- To calculate measure flow, pipe diameter, distance between two pressure gauges, and the friction losses between the gauges.
- Tuberculation reduces C value

PVC has higher C- factor than concrete

Head Loss

- **Friction head loss: caused by valves, bends, pipe roughness, etc.**
- **Water hardness caused by calcium & magnesium**
- **Coefficient tests can indicate whether or not friction losses are increasing**
- **Galvanic corrosion can happen when connecting brass to steel**

FRICTIONAL HEADLOSS

- Energy used up by water movement
- Two Conditions that affect head loss:
  1. **Roughness**
  2. **Velocity**

. Two Conditions that affect Roughness:

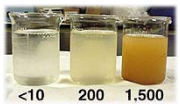
1. **Age – Condition**
2. **Type of pipe Materials**

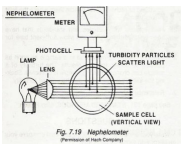
Iron

- Consumer complaints
- Can cause stains on laundry & fixtures
- Formation of iron bacteria that form slick slimes on pipe walls
- Taste and odor problems
- Reacts with chlorine increasing use
- Removed thru aeration and filtration
- Iron & manganese react with dissolved oxygen forming insoluble compounds
- Polyphosphates & flushing reduce iron deposits

Turbidity- NTU's

- The following is the most frequent method used to water quality & the cloudiness of the water
- Uses light to measure
- The higher the NTU, the dirtier the water, the more possibility of micro-biological contamination
- NTU= Nephelometric Turbidity Unit



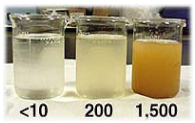


Turbidity

- **Physical characteristic of water making it appear cloudy.**
- **Caused by suspended matter.**
- **The most monitored treatment of water for quality.**
- **The greatest control factor in treatment of water.**
- **Increased influent turbidity means an increase in chemicals**
- **Masks pathogens from disinfections.**

Particle Counter

- The method used to measure the cloudiness of the water – the amount of particles and the size of particles.
- The dirtier the water, the greater the possibility of microbiological contamination.



- **Alkalinity**
  - A measurement of the water's capacity to neutralize an acid
  - Alkalinity is determined by titrating to an end point with a pH meter or the use of the methyl orange test
  - Use sulfuric acid to perform test
  - Affects the coagulation process
  - The higher the alkalinity, the better the floc formation

pH

- **pH: expression that refers to the basic or acidic conditions of the water**
- **pH is measured on a scale from 0 to 14.**
- Less than 7 is more acidic, greater than 7 is more basic or higher alkalinity. 7 is neutral.
- PVC pipe is least affected by acidic water
- Reinforced concrete pipe would most likely corrode in acidic water
- Corrosiveness on pipes can be detected by plotting Baylis Curve or Langlier Index
- Weight of metal coupons used to determine corrosiveness
- A negative number on Langlier Index would be corrosive

pH

- Any substance that releases **HYDROGEN IONS (H+)** when mixed with water is acidic (0-6)
- Any substance that releases **HYDROXYL IONS (OH-)** is a base (8-14)
- Alkalinity changes will affect the coagulation process
- pH is measured by use of a **PROBE OR A COLORIMETRIC METHOD.**
- **SIGNIFICANCE:**
  - Affects chlorination, coagulation, softening, and corrosion
- **CO_2** – Carbon dioxide reduces the pH

Temperature

- **Characteristics of Temperature**
  - The colder the water, the more dense.
  - The colder the water, the less activity.
  - Higher disinfection concentration is required in cold water.
  - Low temps decrease the rate of floc settling
  - F (Fahrenheit) C (Celsius)
- **Main impacts**
  - Affect to speed of biological and chemical reactions
  - Affect to rate of biological decomposition
  - Changes to chlorine demand

Temperature

- Low temperatures the bacteria kill rate is lower
- Chlorine residual will remain longer in cold water
- Warm water will cause bacteria to bloom
- Calcium Carbonate will form more rapidly in hot water
- Temperature drops would cause carryover in sed. basins

Chemicals

- **Chemical Storage**
  - Cool, dry place
  - Away from general traffic
  - Non-treatment chemicals
  - Spillage control – clean plan
  - Empty drum disposal
  - According to manufacturer's recommendation

Chemical Compounds

- Aluminum sulfate
- Ferrous sulfate
- Ferric sulfate
- Cationic polymer
- Calcium hydroxide
- Calcium oxide
- Sodium aluminates
- Calcium Carbonate

Aluminum Sulfate (Alum)

- **Part of coagulation/flocculation process & creates the floc**
  - **An anhydrous acid**
    - **Affects skin and mucous tissues**
  - **Need goggles, face shields, dust mask, gloves, boots, rubber apron, clothing to protect skin & proper ventilation**
  - **MCL for atmosphere**
    - **15 mg/cm for 8 hours**
  - **When added to water:**
    - **Dissolved Sulfate increases**
    - **Alkalinity decreases**
    - **pH decreases**
  - **MCL in finished water is 450 mg/l**

Alum

- **Alum is a mild corrosive**
- **Never use the same conveyor system for alum and quicklime**
- **Potential for explosion**
- **pH below 5 floc won't form properly**

Ferric Chloride

- Is a very corrosive material
- Should prevent splashing
- Use eye protection, rubber gloves, and protective clothing
- When spilled on skin, flush with large amounts of water

Chemicals

- **Corrosion Control**
  - Calcium hydroxide
    - Hydrated lime- increases pH
  - Sodium hydroxide
    - Caustic soda
- **Softening**
  - Calcium oxide
    - Quicklime
  - Sodium carbonate
    - Soda ash
- **Fluoridation**
  - Sodium fluorosilicate
  - Sodium fluoride
  - Fluorosilicic acid
  - Hydrofluoric acid
  - SPADNS test for fluoride

Chlorine

- **Gas is heavier than air**
- **Have eyewash/shower available**
- **Most leaks occur around control valve**
- **Cylinder liquid form expands 460 times**
- **When changing cylinders, shut gas off at cylinder first, evacuate lines**
- **Produces hydrochloric acid mixed with moisture**
- **Use rubber gloves & ventilate**
- **Should practice response once per year**
- **Inspect daily for leaks in system**
- **Higher alkaline = more chlorine**

Chlorine Leaks

- Put on SCBA
- Turn on ventilation fan
- Have help standing by

Three Forms of Chlorine

- **POWDER 65%- HTH (High Test Hypochlorite)**
  Calcium Hypochlorite
- LIQUID-Sodium Hypochlorite
  *Bleach 5%
  *T-Chlor 15%
- GAS 99.9%
  *extremely corrosive with water/humidity
  *compressible
  *changes to liquid at 82 psi
  *68 deg. F
  *2.5 times heavier than air
  *greenish-yellow color
  * Must meet NSF approval

Calcium Hypochlorite & Quicklime

- **Calcium Hypochlorite**
  - **Can create heat & oxygen to start a fire**
  - **HTH- High Test Hypochlorite**
- **Quicklime**
  - Extremely caustic material
  - Reacts violently with water
  - Reaction can cause fire or explosion
  - Store totally dry area
  - Do not allow to mix with alum

Chloramines

- Formation of chloramines is a chemical reaction
- The reaction is between **hypochlorous acid (or aqueous chlorine)** with **ammonia**.
- Formation of chloramines **weakens** the disinfecting strength of chlorine

Chloramination

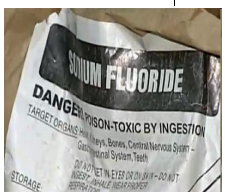
- Cloramines are a reaction between **applied chlorine and ammonia**
- When done intentionally it can **reduce tastes and odors**
- Chloramines are a **weaker** disinfection than chlorine

DPD

- Method of measuring chlorine residual in the water
- Testing agent turns chlorinated water a pink color. More intense color, higher residual.
- DPD= N,N-diethyl-p-phenylene-diamine

Fluoride

- Victims **exposed to large amounts** should me removed from area
- Operators should **know the hazards contained in MSDS**
- Can cause **dental stains & mottling** of teeth
- SPADNS test to analyze fluoride levels

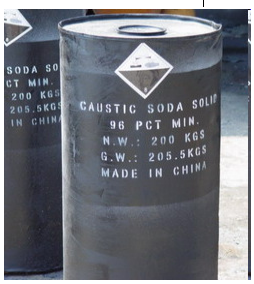


Over Feeding Fluoride

- Can Mottle Teeth

Caustic Soda Safety

- **Strong caustic alkali and very hazardous**
- **Very reactive**
- **Dissolves human skin**
- **Generates heat with when mixed with water**
- **Reacts with amphoteric metals generating hydrogen gas which is flammable or explosive**
- **Use special precautions when handling**



Chemical Safety for Acids

- Chemicals cause visible destruction or irreversible damage to skin tissue at the point of contact
- Swallowing can damage esophagus & stomach.
- Wear personal protective equipment
- Flush affected area with clean water
- Use sodium bicarbonate to neutralize acids
- Add acid to the water

Polymers

- Used as coagulant and filter aids
- Keep polymer dust off floors
- Will create very slippery surfaces when on floors
- Use inert, absorbent material such as sand to clean up spills

Polymers

- Filtration aid
  - Not enough:
    - Rapid turbidity break through
  - Too much:
    - **Rapid increase in head loss**

Potassium Permanganate

- **Strong oxidizing agent, use caution**
- **Turns water pink**
- **Will react easily with organic materials**
- **Will ignite when in contact with antifreeze, sawdust compounds and many other materials**
- **All lubricants & fuels are potential fire hazards**
- **Store separately from other chemicals in a cool dry location**
- **Use dust masks and rubber gloves when handling & for cleaning up**
- **Used for taste & odor, TTHM control, reduces Iron, Hydrogen Sulfide (rotten egg smell) & Manganese**

Explosions

- Don't use sawdust to absorb liquids
- Powder activated carbon is the most volatile powder
- Methane is the most common combustible gas

Activated Carbon

- **Used for taste & odor problems**
- **Is considered the most volatile powder**
- **Keep away from Cl2 compounds and KMnO4, possible spontaneous combustions**
- **The main problems are dust and fire control**
- **Will burn with intense heat, and without smoke or visible flame**
- **Keep electrical equipment clean**
- **Carbon dust can cause short-circuit fires**
- **Use explosion-proof electrical equipment**
- **Used prior to chlorination because they react with each other**

Taste & Odor

- **Activated Carbon & KMNO4 are chemicals used**
- **Threshold Odor Number (TON) is a unit of measure for odors in water & should be conducted at 60 deg. Celsius**
- **Water devoid of oxygen produces odor and anaerobic bacteria growth**
- **Sludge accumulations could cause problems**

Algae Control Chemical

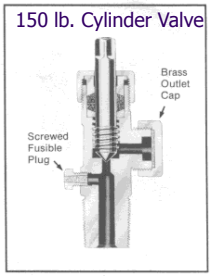
- **Copper Sulfate**
  - Indicators that affect copper sulfate:
    - Alkalinity
    - Type of algae
    - Temperature

Nitrite – Cause & Effect

- **Cause**
  - **Large concentration of fertilizers.**
- **Effect**
  - **Blue-baby syndrome**
- **High Nitrate Levels**
  - MCL 10 mg/1
  - 5 mg/1 – quarterly monitoring
  - Nitrate turns in nitrite and replaces oxygen in blood. Thus babies and immuno-deficient individuals are affected.

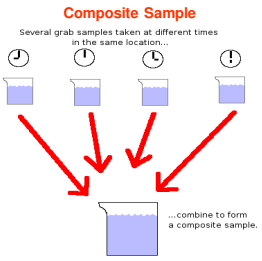
Fusible Plug

- Safety Device
- Made out of lead
- Melts between 160 to 165 degrees



Sampling

- Grab samples taken in instantaneous conditions at certain times & locations



Bacteriological Sampling Procedures

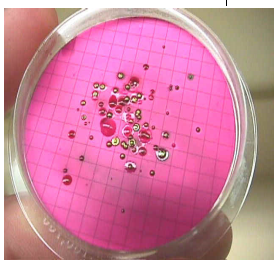
- If sample is OK, this only indicates that water was safe at point of sample
- Coliform is an indicator of bacteria presence
- Sample should be transported as soon as possible in a cool container with ice pack
- Routine bacti's should be taken at the customers tap at various points that represent the entire system

Bacteriological Sampling Procedures

- Should allow sample tap water to run several minutes or as long as necessary to clear service line
- Sampling bottle/bag should be filled to just above fill line or 1 inch from top
- Results are meaningless if sample is contaminated
- Sample identification cards need to filled out completely
- Should be sterilized by lab
- Sodium Thiosulfate
  - Dechlorination agent in bacteriological sample container

Coliform

- Coliform= a group of bacteria found in the intestines of warm blooded animals & also plants, soil, air and water
- Total Coliform= a measurement that shows if coliform bacteria is present in a water system & are an indicator organism
- Fecal Coliform= a specific class of bacteria coming from animal intestines. If sample is coliform positive, a fecal coliform test is performed.



GWR

- December 1, 2009
- TC+ bacterial Samples
  - Requires Triggered Source Water sample (TSW)
  - Of all sources that were in operation at time of +TC sample
  - Email on sources not sampled – not running
  - Test for fecal coliform

GWR continued

- 5 addition samples if first TSW is Fecal+
- 2 or more sources requires you to submit new sample site plan
- Correct significant deficiencies within 120 days

Sanitary Surveys Performed By

- Executive Secretary shall ensure a sanitary survey is conducted at least every 3 years
- Division of Drinking Water
- DEQ District Engineers
- Local Health Departments
- Forest Service Engineers
- Utah Rural Water Association staff
- Consulting Engineers
- Others authorized by Executive Secretary

Aesthetics

- Means attractive or appealing.
- With respect to water it means taste, odor, or coloration of the water.
- Things that affect this are extreme hardness or high total dissolved solids
- Effects range from bad smell and poor taste to causing stains on laundry and/or fixtures

Electrical Motor

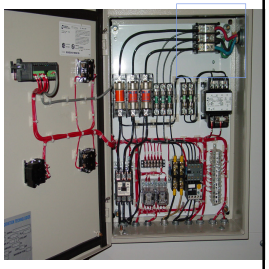
- Clean dust from a motor with **compressed air.**
- Measure speed with **tachometer**
- **Auxiliary motors can be used in emergencies**
- **Brake HP is amount of HP supplied by the motor to the pump**

Circuit Breaker

- Opens or closes the electrical circuit to motors
- Function as overload device
- Opens automatically when an overload occurs to protect circuit

Electric Motors

- Upon start up an electric motor will develop **a load** to turn the pump shaft and impeller
- Torque causes motor to draw a high amperage
- To change rotation on 3 phase, switch any 2 leads
- Voltage imbalances cause 3 phase motors to overheat & burn out the insulation
- Tachometer used to determine speed of motor/pump



Volt – Ohm Meter

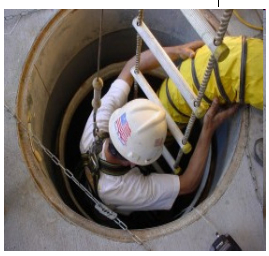
- **Volts**
  - Measure of the force of electrons
  - Set the volt meter at a higher setting than the voltage being measured.
- **Ohms**
  - Measurement of resistance
- **Amps**
  - Measurement of the flow of electrons

Transformer

- The purpose of the transformer is to increase (step up) or decrease (step down) voltage.

Confined Spaces

- Carbon dioxide will settle near floor
- Blowers are the most effective means to reduce atmospheric hazards
- Ventilate until proper oxygen levels are reached (minimum19.5%)



Security

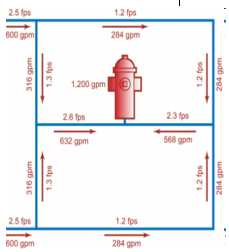
- Deter
- Detect
- Delay
- Respond

Safety Security

- Reservoir sites
- Sources
- Main Offices
- Vehicles
- Vaults

Distribution Systems

- Looped systems have continuous flow & less water quality problems
- Water quality problems could indicate a closed valve or partially open
- Leak surveys done at night
- Water mains
  - 10 Feet horizontal distance from sewer main
  - Water main and sewer mains must cross at least 18" of separation
  - Water line is on top
  - Water & sewer not installed in the same trench.
  - Leaks will get worse not better



Maintenance Records

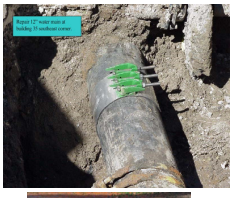
- Why keep maintenance records?
  - Develop preventative maintenance program
  - Prolong life of equipment
  - Maps
  - Maintain backup equipment
  - Reduce liabilities
  - Improve customer service

Ground Water - Wells

- Water bearing formation called an aquifer

New & Repaired Water Mains

- Pressure test
- Disinfected in accordance with AWWA standard C651
- Must be disinfected with some type of chlorine
- Tablet or a solution are typically used
- Chlorine must be flushed with potable water
- Take chlorine residuals
- Must take bacteria samples



Water Distribution Systems

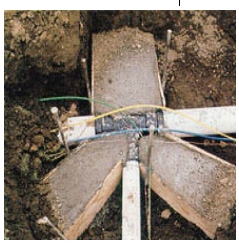
- Operation and Maintenance
  - Water main design
  - Distribution system pressures
    - 20 psi at all times
    - Peak instantaneous flows
    - Minimum Water main size
      - 8 inch with fire hydrants
        - Unless you have an engineer signature to buy off on it
      - 4 inch without fire hydrants

New Minimum PSI Standards

- Maintain minimum of 20 psi at all times
- For Construction after 3/1/06
  *20 psi during fire flow
  *30 psi during peak instantaneous demand
  *40 psi during peak day demand

Thrust Blocking

- Thrust Block - a concrete mass cast in place between a fitting and the undisturbed soil at the side or bottom of the pipe trench.
- Purpose is to keep fittings from moving & either coming loose or apart from the force of the water pressure in the pipe.
- Needs to be centered on the thrust force



Water Storage Reservoir

- Provides a volume of water to the water system during average and peak demands
- Provides adequate pressures throughout the water systems
- Covered to prevent bacti & algae growth
- Reserve storage
- Fire protection

Storage Reservoirs

- 2 categories of paint- long life and short life
- Frequent pumping & changing depth can reduce freezing
- Sandblasting is recommended to prepare inside for painting, inspect every 3 to 5 years
- Stagnant water causes quality problems
- They're most susceptible to water quality degradation from external sources

Parts of a Well

- Pumps from a geologic formation called an aquifer
- When water passes through porous layers of soil it's called percolation
- Sanitary seal – prevents contamination from entering
- Well casing – pipe placed inside well to keep it open
- Grout – mixture of cement, water and sand pumped between the casing & the drilling hole (annulus)

Parts of a Well

- Well Screen – unrestricted water flow and small enough to stop sand from entering
- Gravel pack – aids screen in filtering sand.

Wire to Water Efficiency

- Energy required to overcome pump inefficiencies
- The combined efficiency of the pump and the motor together. Also called the over all efficiency.
- **Water HP HPx100 = % Wire to Water Efficiency**
  Motor HP
- **(Flow, gpm) (Total Dynamic Head, ft) (0.746 kw/hp) (100) = % WWE**
  (3,960) (Electrical Demand, kilowatts)

Cavitation

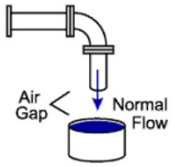
- **Main cause of losing pump suction**
- **Sounds like pumping rocks or pinging**
- **Vibration & popping noises caused by low pressure in volute**
- **Generally caused by vapor bubbles**
- **Vapor bubbles implode causing damage to pump**
- **Volute case needs to be full of water**
- **Prevented by having adequate suction pressure and proper bowl depths**

Cross Connections

- Cross connection: a connection between a potable & an unapproved source.
- Caused most disease outbreaks
- Two Types of Backflow
  ***Backsiphonage**: backflow caused by a negative or below atmospheric pressure in a water system where a vacuum exists such as draining as system (fire fighting can cause)
  ***Backpressure**: when users pressure is higher than the system pressure
- Approved assemblies are used to keep contaminants out the drinking water system
- Protection established by degree of hazard

Air Gap- Safest Method

- A physical break between the end of a pipe and an open vessel flood rim
  - Minimum of 1" or two times the diameter of the pipe.
- Backflow protection
  - Backsiphonage
- Hazard
  - High degree or health risk
- Required on all sewer, wastewater or sludge connections



Meter Sizing Considerations

- Pressure at the service connection
- Highest fixture in the building being served
- Any back flow prevention device
- A 5/8 inch meter should be tested every 5 to 10 years.
- Meter should not have more than 20 psi of head loss.
- In absence of a flow meter on a filter you can close the inlet valve and measure the drop over time.

AWWA C651 – Water Mains

- Methods
  - Tablet or granular – 25 mg/l – 24 hours
  - Continuous Feed – 10 mg/l after 24 hours
    - Fill main with water
    - Flush out debris
    - Fill with chlorinated water

AWWA C651-05

- Final flushing
  - Clearing main of heavily chlorinated water
  - Disposing chlorinated water
    - Discharge can cause damage to the environment
    - Neutralizing agents
      - Sulfur dioxide, sodium biosulfates, sodium sulfide, sodium thiosulfates, ascobic acid
    - Flushing at 2.5 fps
      - Scour the insides of the pipe.

AWWA C651 Water Mains Continued

- Slug method
  - 3 hour exposure of not less than 50 mg/l
  - Start with 100 mg/L and test at intervals on pipe
  - If residual drops below 100 mg/L move equipment

Procedure existing water mains

- Positive pressure during repairs
- Swabbing
- Flushing
- Slug chlorination
  - 300 mg/l – 15 minutes
- Sampling – to prove procedure effectiveness

Bacteriological Testing

- Standard Conditions
  - AWWA C651-05
    - 2 samples - 24 hours apart
    - One set collected every 1200 feet
    - Plus one set from ends of main
    - At least one on each branch

Bacteriological Testing

- Special Conditions
  - Trench water entered
  - Excessive quantities of dirt
  - Water stand for 16 hours before 1st test
- Sampling procedures
  - No hose
  - No fire hydrant
  - What does your ordinance say about testing
  - Orem's Ordinance

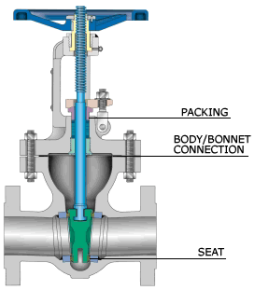
Pressure Testing New Water Main

- Pipe should sit idle for at least 24 hours
- Should be done at 150 psi
- Or 1.5 times the normal pressures
- Duration 4 Hours

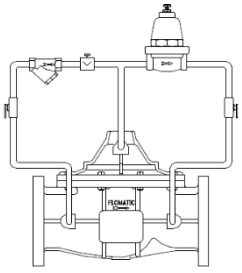
Valves

- Gate Valve: Isolation, should be either all the way open or all the way closed (least amount of head loss)
- Air and vacuum relief: allows air in and air to escape.
- Altitude valve: opens when system psi drops below a certain pressure and closes when the reservoir reaches a predetermined level.
- Glove valves used for flow & pressure regulating

Gate Valves - Isolation



Altitude Valve – good for regulating tanks



Pump Control Valves

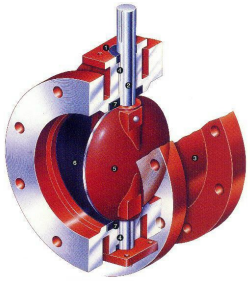
- Minimizes water hammer
- Starts & stops on a closed valve

Valves

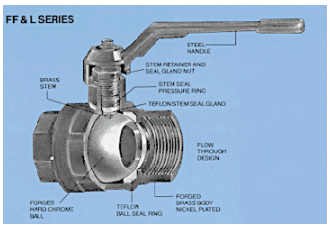
- Pressure Sustaining/Reducing: maintain either upstream or downstream pressures depending on the position of the pilot screw.
- Need periodic service & maintenance

Butterfly Valves -

- Higher resistance to flow
- Operates easily & quickly
- They cost less than gate valves
- Used for flow control



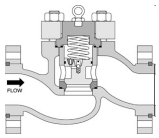
Ball & Plug Valves



Sluice Gate & Sleeve Valves

Check Valves

- **Permit flow in one direction**
- Swing Checks
- Spring loaded silent checks



Water Hammer

- Occurs when a **valve is closed quickly** or **pump shuts down** and causes the water pressures to rise and fall rapidly.
- Sounds like some hammering on pipe.
- Can damage pipes, causing them burst.

Meter Sizing Considerations

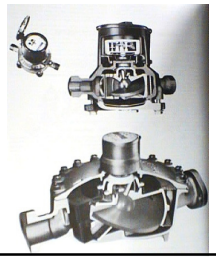
- Pressure at the service connection
- Highest fixture in the building being served
- Any back flow prevention device
- A 5/8 inch meter should be tested every 5 to 10 years.
- Meters should not have more than 20 psi of head loss.
- Meters one inch and smaller shouldn't have more than 15 psi of head loss
- Venturi meter is not a prime mover

Meter Accuracy

- Worn meters under register & give the customer free water
- Over time a worn meter will cost the water system revenue.
- Formula: **Meter Accuracy= (Meter,GPM)(100%)/Volume,GPM**
- **Compound meters are used for low to intermediate flows & occasionally for high flows**

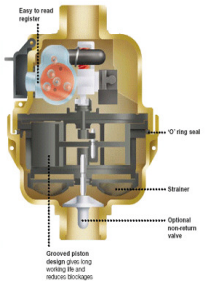
Positive Displacement Meter

- Nutating disk: nutating means nodding. When the water flows the disk rotates.



Piston Meter

- Displacement type
- Water flows into a chamber and displaces piston
- Oscillating circular motion moves meter
- Higher head loss than nutating disk



Velocity Meter

- Propeller, Venturi, insertion type, and most electronic types
- Rotors or propellers are turned be velocity of meter

Air Release Valves (Air Vac) – air in & out

- Should be placed at high points in the water system.
- Outlet should be screened about 12" min. above ground

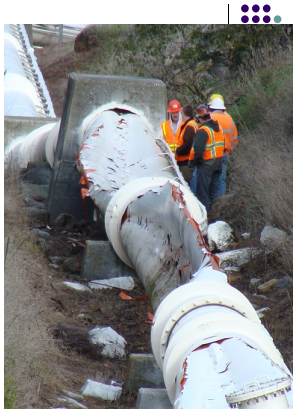
Air Vacuum

Air Release

Combination

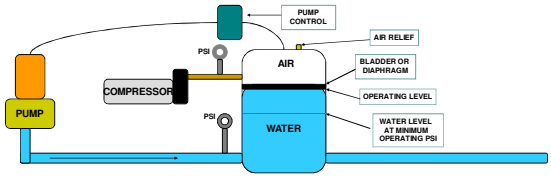
Line Collapse

- Caused by not opening a downstream valve before they began sucking water from the other end
- A vacuum developed before they realized what happened and the pipe pancaked
- The pipe is the main transmission line to supply water for the City of Folsom



HYDROPNEUMATIC TANKS

- **Frequent on/off cycling indicates water logged tank**
- **Operate by applying air pressure to tank**
- **Tank levels controlled by pressure switches to pumps**
- **Air leaks can cause pumps to run continuously**
- **1/3 to 2/3 air to water ratio limiting storage capacity**

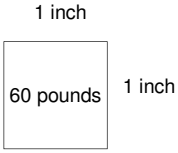


Acronyms

- Forms of expressing a flow of water over a period of time:
- **GPM**
  - Gallons per minute
- **MGD**
  - Million gallons per day
- **CFS**
  - Cubic feet per second

Acronyms

- **PSI** = pounds per square inch
  - The pounds of force on a given area. The area is expressed in a square inch.



60 pounds per square inch, or 60 PSI

Acronyms

- Methods for measuring chemicals or other constituents in drinking water
- **ppm**
  - Parts per million
  - Refers to 1 gallon or lb. of a chemical in 1 million gallons or lbs. of water
- **mg/l**
  - Milligrams per liter
  - The same measurement as ppm expressed in metric measurements

Acronyms

- PVC, PE, ABS- refer to chemical composition of pipe
- Methods for measuring chemicals or other constituents in drinking water
- **ppb**
  - Parts per billion
  - The measure of 1 gallon or lb. of a chemical in 1 billion gallons or lbs. of water
- **ug/l**
  - Microgram per liter
  - The same measurement as ppb expressed in metric measurements
- **1000 ppb or ug/l** = 1 ppm or mg/l
  - Example: 80 ppb is the same as 0.080 mg/l

Definitions

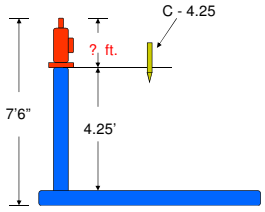
- **Toxic**
  - A substance that is poisonous to a living organism.
- **Potable**
  - Water that does not contain objectionable pollution, contamination, minerals, or infective agents and is satisfactory to drink.
- **Culinary**
  - Fit for human consumption.
- **Action Level**:
  - Required actions if lead and copper standards are exceeded:
  - **MCL**
    - Lead – 15 ppb, or 0.015 ppm
    - Copper – 1300 ppb, or 1.3 ppm

Fire Hydrants

- Dry barrel hydrant used in areas susceptible to freezing.
- Drain hole allows water to drain from barrel so water won't freeze and crack the hydrant.
- Hydrant bury is the distance below the ground to the main connection.
- Because of increased population growth and scaling of pipes, hydrant flow tests should be performed periodically.

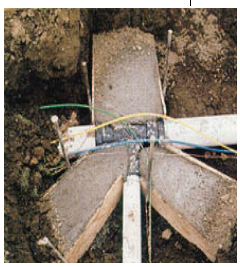
If the cut stake for a fire hydrant is marked **A**C-4.25@ and the hydrant is 7 ft. 6 in. tall, how high will the top be above the finished grade?

- 7’ 6” convert to decimal
- 7.5 – 4.25 = 3.25
- 3.25 is the answer



Thrust Blocking

- **Thrust Block** - a concrete mass between a **elbows, crosses & tees** in undisturbed soil at the side or bottom of the pipe trench.
- **Keeps fittings from moving & either coming loose or apart from the force of the water pressure** in the pipe.
- **Thrust anchors** – **used when thrust blocks cannot be used**
- **Restrained fitting** – use of clamps or anchor screws on fittings
- **Tie rods** – used on mechanical joint fittings that a located close together
- Should be **calculated & designed** properly



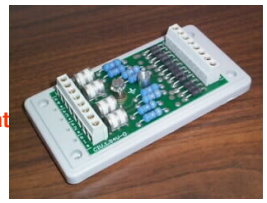
Thrust Blocks

Water Loss

- Affected by: leaks, pressures, efficiency of the meter maintenance, attention given to leak reduction, & unauthorized use of water
- Some systems 10% of the water produced
- Other systems not until 20%

Lightning Arrestor

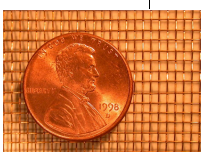
- Becomes a low resistance conductor to ground when the line voltage exceeds a predetermined amount
- **Used to protect equipment from lightning strikes.**
- No device made to protect against a direct hit.



Screen Sizes

- #14 mesh for air vents and air vacuum release valve
- Air vac vent pipe above the flood line
- #4 mesh for overflow and drain lines
- #14 mesh = 14 squares per inch
- #4 mesh = 4 squares per inch

#14



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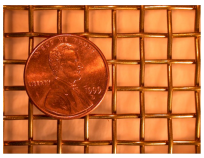
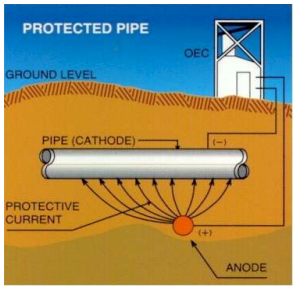


Electrolysis

- Decomposition of material by an outside electric current
- Electric current caused by movement of water in the line
- Cathodic protection installed to prevent



Tanks – Cathodic Protection